



IFW

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 09812.0172-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
)
Toru MINEYAMA et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 3622
Application No.: 09/973,512)
) Examiner: John W. Van Bramer
Filed: October 9, 2001)
) Confirmation Number: 6341
For: SERVER OPERATIONAL)
EXPENSES COLLECTING)
METHOD, AND APPARATUS)
THEREFOR)
)
)
)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement mailed April 4, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1 and 9, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to analyzing a user's input and viewing logs, generating a program guide based upon the customer analysis, and then providing said customer analysis to an advertiser for a fee; Group II, claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14 and 15, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to providing the user with the choice between program guide that contains programs including advertisements and a program guide that contains programs without advertising, whereby the user is charged a fee for the programs that do not contain advertising; Group III, claims 3, 5, 11 and 13, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to transmitting a personalized program guide to a user, allowing a

user to elect to record a program in the guide for a fee; and Group IV, claims 8 and 16, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to charging advertisers for placing advertisements in a program guide that containing information associated with the listed programs (Restriction Requirement at p. 2). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1 and 9, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to analyzing a user's input and viewing logs, generating a program guide based upon the customer analysis, and then providing said customer analysis to an advertiser for a fee.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 26, 2007

By: 

Michael R. Kelly
Reg. No. 33,921